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Do we have democracy in school?

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| PRINCIPLE |  | Definition | Example in American Society | In our school? | Explain |
| Rule of Law | Everyone must follow the laws – even the ruler himself. |  |  |  |
| Limited Government | There are certain things the leadership cannot do. |  |  |  |
| Consent of the Governed | Citizens elect their leaders. If they do not like their leaders, they can get rid of them by rebelling. |  |  |  |
| Federalism | Power is broken down between the national, state, and local governments. |  |  |  |
| Separation of Powers | The national government is split into several branches, each with their own power. |  |  |  |
| Checks and Balances | Each of the three branches makes sure the others are not getting too powerful. |  |  |  |

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| Can we make our schools more democratic? |

**Directions: Write a letter to our principal explaining which principles of democracy are present at our school and which are not. Make suggestions as to how the principles of democracy that are not present at our school might be implemented.**

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| **Identifies at least two principles of government and defines them.**  **\_\_\_/10** | **Gives examples that show why the principles are important.**  **\_\_\_/10** | **Uses a respectful tone.**  **\_\_\_/10** | **Is at least eight sentences long and is the students’ best work.**  **\_\_\_/10** |